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REMARKS

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1. In 1953, source observed troops equipped with light truck-towed guns at, and saw horses in the stables of, the barracks installation in Ctyry Dvory (O 49/Q 96).¹ A military motor vehicle repair shop and trucks were in the Artillery Barracks on the east side of Tr. Miru, formerly Tr. Benese. A small training ground with an obstacle course was directly north of the barracks installation and north of the railroad line. Two or three low corrugated sheet-metal buildings were beside the training grounds.²

2. In 1953, the Engineers Barracks on the west side of former Jirsikovo Square had the designation of Svermovy Kasarny. An engineer training ground including four or five pontoon storage sheds, partially constructed of brick, was on the western bank of the Vltava River, about 500 or 600 meters west of the barracks installation.³

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3. After 1951, the building of the former Episcopal priests seminary on the east side of ul. Knezka was occupied by infantrymen and apparently quartered no PS units.⁴

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4. About five low wooden buildings on the north side of ul. Dobrovska and north of the Dobrovska Canal in the eastern sector of the city, which had been constructed during the war, quartered a Czech unit whose soldiers wore a toothed wheel and some other unidentified insignia on their collar patches. The military fire brigade was in the same billets.⁵ Prior to the summer of 1953, the cantonment on the west side of ul. Roudenska and opposite the military cemetery quartered a PS unit. Three or four other low buildings, whose occupation was unidentified, were opposite this cantonment on the east side of the street.⁶

5. Prior to July 1953, the office of Krajske vojenske velitelstvi, which meant military district headquarters, was in the former St. Josef's convent on the east side of Tr. Narodniho odboje. In 1951, the office of Okresni vojenske velitelstvi, which meant military area command, was in a villa on Jiraskovo nabrezi (quay). Prior to the summer of 1953, the court martial and the Provost Marshal were on the west side of Tr. Lidicka opposite the "Svet" (formerly "Kotva") picture theater.⁷

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- 25X1A 1. Comment. Previous reports were conflicting on the occupation of this barracks installation. The installation presumably quarters elements of the 5th Arty Regt. Previous reports on a tank unit remained unconfirmed after November 1951. See 25X1A
- 25X1A 2. Comment. The 5th Arty Regt is carried there. See 25X1A
- 25X1A 3. Comment. The engineer battalion of the 1st Mtz Rifle Div is located in this barracks installation.
- 25X1A 4. Comment. The only report on occupation by PS units was received in the fall of 1952. If the present report were correct, the infantry unit would probably belong to the 1st Inf Regt.
- 25X1A 5. Comment. A unit of the "Inner Guard" which allegedly wears insignia like those described. No such insignias are worn by army units.
- 25X1A 6. Comment. Occupation by PS was previously reported. The troops presumably are units subordinate directly to the 15th PS Brig whose headquarters is carried in the deaf-and-dumb asylum which is not mentioned in the present report.
- 25X1A 7. Comment. It is believed that the court martial and the Provost Marshal belong to the 1st Mtz Rifle Div, whose headquarters is carried in the former Hardtmuth villa on Wilsonova nam.

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